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Report Highlights:

Malaysia's CPO production rose 15.3 percent to 893 TMT in March, 2002. A sharp rebound in PO exports contributed to a decline in carry-over stocks at the end of March. The average local CPO price rose from US\$301/MT in March to US\$307/MT in April.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Executive Summary

Production

The Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) reported that total crude palm oil (CPO) production rose 15.3 percent from 773 TMT in the month of February 2002 to 893 TMT in March. Output in the Peninsula rose 18 percent in March while East Malaysia's production increased by 11.5 percent. Compared to March 2001, output during March 2002 was higher by one percent. The palms are also experiencing a seasonal upturn stage in CPO production. Post forecasts for CPO output during the Apr-Jun quarter to climb to 2.76 MMT.

Price

Sluggish CPO output had a positive impact on local prices during the month of April. The average CPO price rose two percent from US\$301/MT in March to US\$307/MT in April. For comparison, the average CPO price for April, 2001 was US\$214/MT. RBD Palm Oil FOB average price also rose from US\$311/MT in March to US\$317/MT in April.

Stocks

Despite the increase in CPO output, a bigger increase in PO exports resulted in a 9 percent decrease in carry-over stocks at the end of March. An anticipated increase in domestic consumption should further erode CPO stock level to around 1.02 MMT by the end of June.

Trade

Preliminary official PO exports rose from 670 TMT in February to 890 TMT in March.

Annual Situation

PS&D table for palm oil remains unchanged since the submission of Report MY 2013.

	Revised 2000/01	Prelim 2001/02	Forecast 2002/03
(1,000 tons)			
Beg Stock	1368	1,216	1,070
Production	11,937	11,500	12,300
Imports	108	310	130
Total Supply	13,413	12,916	13,500
Exports	10,023	9,600	10,000
Domestic Use	2,174	2,246	2,370
Ending Stock	1,216	1,070	1,130

Quarterly Outlook for Palm Oil

	2001 1/	2002 2/	2001 1/	2002 2/
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Apr-Jun
Beg Stocks 3/	1419	1214	1251	1170
Prod- Pen.Mal	1773	1521	1833	1600
- East Mal	1063	1080	999	1160
- Total	2836	2601	2832	2760
Imports	26	130	38	50
Total Supply	4281	3945	4121	3980
Exports 4/	2562	2390	2557	2400
Dom Disap 5/	468	385	533	530
End Stocks	1251	1170	1031	1050

1/ Revised;

2/ Forecast;

3/ Stocks including crude and refined for all Malaysia;

4/ Exports exclude shipments of fatty acid oil distillate
and all intra-Malaysia trade;

5/ residual

Production

	2001	2001	2002	2002
	Mar	Jan-Mar	Mar	Jan-Mar
(In 1,000 MT)				
CPO:				
Pen. Malaysia	567	1773	525	1521
East Malaysia	318	1061	368	1080
- Total	885	2834	893	2601
Palm Kernel : Malaysia	257	817	254	747
Palm Kernel Oil: Malaysia	126	371	118	353
Palm Kernel Meal: Malaysia	147	434	137	410

Prices

(Crude delivered basis; RBD Oils in Bulk, FOB Malaysia)

	Local Crude	RBD Palm Oil	RBD Olein	RBD Stearin
	RM/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT	US\$/MT
Apr 2001	812	223	240	176
May	739	207	225	166
Jun	789	224	240	171
Jul	983	287	298	198
Aug	1216	333	358	285
Sep	998	274	281	240
Oct	860	235	244	229
Nov	1053	290	306	247
Dec	1107	302	318	244
Jan	1166	322	336	254
Feb	1121	302	318	252
Mar 2002 1/	1144	311	327	265
Apr (till 25 th)	1165	317	332	282

1/ Revised

Exchange Rate (Apr 29, 2002): US\$1.00 = RM3.799

Stocks:

	2001	2002	2002	2002
	Mar	Jan	Feb 1/	Mar
(In 1,000 MT)				
Crude P. Oil	798	683	744	646
Processed PO	450	564	543	524
- Total PO	1248	1247	1287	1170
Palm Kernel	152	96	88	81
P. Kernel Oil	262	343	332	327

1/ Revised